

Application. No. 10/826,913  
Amendment dated September 5, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of August 14, 2006

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 9 - 17 are withdrawn. Claims 7 - 8 and 18 - 21 are cancelled. Claims 1 - 6, 9 - 17 and 22 - 26 remain in the case.

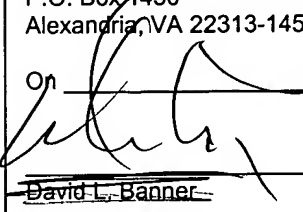
The present invention is a pad support for use with a pipe or bar clamp. Pipe clamps are clamps having an elongated member to which a fixed jaw and an adjustable jaw are affixed. The fixed jaw is typically placed at or near a distal end of the pipe or bar while the adjustable jaw is placed at the proximal end. An aperture located in the center of the pad support surrounds the longitudinal, elongated member and may readily be slid therealong to provide support to the elongated member above the surface of a work piece. Specifically, the elongated member is supported within the aperture of the pad support and the pad support is shaped to make two points of contact with the surface of the ground or work piece. The geometry and material are chosen to prevent damage to the surface above which the pipe or bar clamp is positioned. Sets of pad supports having different diameters and/or different aperture geometries are provided.

In his amendment filed July 17, 2007, Applicant added new claims 22 - 26 but failed to indicate which of the newly-added claims read on the elected species (i.e., the embodiment of Figure 3). Claims 22 - 26 each read on the elected species as embodied in Figure 3.

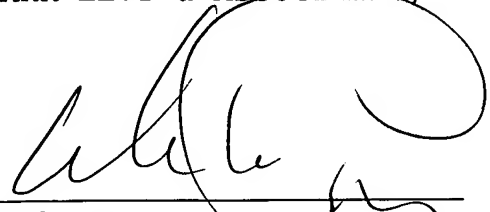
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Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1 - 6 and  
22 - 26 now be allowed and the application passed to issue.

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